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Attorney Docket No.: VERT1120-5 (Formerly AURO1120-5)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Whitney et al. Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/772,114 Examiner: J.N. Fredman
Filed: January 26, 2001
Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SENSITIVE AND RAPID,
FUNCTIONAL IDENTIFICATION OF GENOMIC POLYNUCLEOTIDES
AND USE FOR CELLULAR ASSAYS IN DRUG DISCOVERY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2003.

The requested extension is for two months, extending the period for response from December 5, 2003 to February 5, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on February 5, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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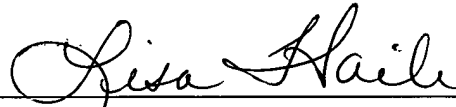
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Enclosed is Check No. 553327 in the amount of \$420.00 which consists of the fee for two month's extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 5, 2004



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